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Pursuit Ends on I-10

Today, members of the Tallahassee Police Department and Leon County Sheriff's Office, working in cooperation, were able to safely end an extremely dangerous situation when a suspect vehicle would not stop and drove east bound in the west bound lane on Interstate 10.

At approximately 12:50 p.m. officers from the Tallahassee Police Department observed a vehicle driving erratically on Thomasville Road. They attempted to stop the vehicle; however, the vehicle would not stop. The vehicle continued driving in circles on Thomasville Road putting the general public at risk. The vehicle then attempted to ram a marked Tallahassee Police vehicle. Other members of the Tallahassee Police Department and Leon County Sheriff's Office, including the Aviation Unit, responded to the area to assist. The suspect vehicle continued to ignore law enforcement and would not stop. The vehicle subsequently ended up on Interstate 10 traveling east bound in the west bound lane. A Leon County Deputy was able to get ahead of the fleeing vehicle and stop west bound traffic in an attempt to reduce the risk to those drivers. The suspect vehicle drove around that deputy at mile marked 213 and continued east. Just after entering Jefferson County the suspect vehicle conducted a u-turn causing a vehicle crash at mile marker 216. In spite of the crash he continued back west bound. At mile marker 215 officers were able to conduct a PIT (Pursuit Intervention Technique) maneuver which disabled the suspect vehicle. The suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot. After a short foot chase the suspect would not comply and continued to resist the officers. Officers then deployed an electronic control device to take him into custody.

The suspect was taken to Tallahassee Memorial Health Care. The investigation is continuing.



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